180 crores has already been made by IRFC. IRFC is also making efforts to provide the balance amount of Rs. 142.75 crores by 31-3-1995. No shortfall is anticipated and as such there is likely to be no adverse impact on Plan projects.

**Conversion of Nadiad-Kapadvanj rail line**

2574. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the progress of conversion of Nadiad-Kapadvanj MG line and its extension up to Modasa (New BG line) has been held up;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to remove the hurdles and to speed up its completion according to the schedule?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) and (b) The work of the extension of new BG line from Kapadvanj to Modasa had been frozen for some time due to low operational priority and constraint of resources, but has since been resumed.

(c) The work has since been restarted and a sum of Rs. 2 crores has been allocated during 1995-96 for progressing the work.

**रेल सुविधाओं के लिए धन का उपयोग**

2575. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :**
**चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :**

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेल सुविधाओं के लिए आबंटित धन का रेल विभाग द्वारा पूरा उपयोग नहीं किया गया है और उसका सही उपयोग नहीं किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो धन का पूरा उपयोग न किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में किसी अधिकारी को दोषी पाया गया है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी०के० जाफर शरीफ) : (क) जी नहीं, 1993-94 के दौरान रेलवे स्टेशनों पर यात्री सुविधाओं की व्यवस्था करने के लिए, "यात्री तथा अन्य रेल उपयोगकर्ताओं के लिए सुविधाएं," योजना शीर्ष के अन्तर्गत 60 करोड़ रुपये के आबंटन की तुलना में रेलों द्वारा स्वीकृत कार्यों के निष्पादन हेतु 67.46 करोड़ रूपये खर्च किए गए थे।

(ख) और (ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

**Non-Payment of pensionary dues to Railway employees**

2576. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are not making timely payment of pensionary dues to its employees and there have been cases where such dues have not been paid even after lapse of Seventeen Years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to ensure timely payment to the retiring/retired Railway employees; and

(c) the number of cases pending payments as on date?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

**रेलवे स्टेशनों पर मूलभूत सुविधाओं का अभाव**

2577. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:**
**श्री अनन्तराम जायसवाल:**

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि रेल मंत्रालय ने रेलवे स्टेशनों पर मूत्रालयों, प्लेटफार्म की छतों और खान-पान जैसी सुविधाओं को यात्रियों की मूलभूत सुविधा मानने से इन्कार कर दिया है जबकि यात्री सुविधाओं के नाम पर बजट में निरंतर वृद्धि की जाती रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो रेल यात्रियों के प्रति इस प्रकार

का रवैया अपनाए जाने के क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या रेल मंत्रालय संबंधी संसदीय स्थायी समिति ने यात्री सुविधाओं के संबंध में सरकार को अपना प्रतिवेदन प्रस्तुत कर दिया; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो प्रस्तुत प्रतिवेदन में समिति ने क्या विशेष उल्लेख किया है और क्या सरकार ने समिति के प्रतिवेदन में दिए गए सुझावों पर कोई कार्यवाही की है या करने पर विचार कर रही है?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी०के० जाफ़र शरीफ): (क) से (घ) यद्यपि मूत्रालय, प्लेटफार्म सायबान तथा खान-पान सुविधाएं मूलभूत यात्री सुविधाओं के अन्तर्गत नहीं आती थीं, तथापि नियमित और जरूरत के आधार पर विभिन्न स्टेशनों पर इनकी व्यवस्था की जा रही थी बहरहाल, यात्री सुविधाओं के पुनर्वर्गीकरण तथा रेलवे स्टेशन पर मुहैया की जाने वाली आवश्यक सुविधाओं की सूची में मूत्रालय, प्लेटफार्म सायबान तथा खान-पान की सुविधाएं शामिल करने के संबंध में स्थायी समिति की विशिष्ट सिफारिशें स्वीकार कर ली गई हैं। अनुवर्ती कार्रवाई के रूप में अब सुविधाओं के पुनर्वर्गीकरण का कार्य शुरू कर दिया गया है।

**Compensation to Army Jawans killed in Suratgarh rail accident**

2578. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have given compensation of Rupees 2.00 lacs each to the nearest kins of Army Jawans, who were involved in accident at Suratgarh (Rajasthan) Railway accident on a level crossing;

(b) whether such compensation has been given to victims of other railway accidents at unmanned level-crossings; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the number of accidents and persons involved at unmanned railway crossings during the last three years and compensation paid to the victims?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No, Sir. However, the compensation to the dependents of Army Jawans killed/ injured in level crossing accident at Suratgarh, Rajasthan will be paid as per the decree of the concerned Motor Accident Claims Tribunal.

(b) No, Sir. Section 124 of the Railways Act, 1989 provides for payment of compensation to bonafide passengers only who get injured or to the dependents of those who die on account of passenger train accidents. No liability accrues in the case collisions between trains and road vehicles at unmanned level crossings in which railway passengers are not involved and in cases of persons run over by trains. In terms of Section 161 of the Railways Act, 1989 negligent crossing unmanned level crossing is a punishable offence.

(c) The number of accidents and persons involved in accidents at unmanned railway crossings during the last three years is as under:—

| No. of Accidents | No. of persons killed | No. of persons injured |
|---|---|---|
| 127 | 311 | 613 |

No compensation has been paid to the victims.

**Construction of new Platforms**

2579. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of stations where new passenger platforms were constructed on or after 1st January, 1976, on each Zonal Railway, division-wise;

(b) what are the names of stations where new passenger platforms are under construction, on each Zonal Railway; and

(c) what are the names of stations where new passenger platforms are proposed to be constructed in near future by Indian Railways?